1. **Preface. Instructions:** Choose at least one poem from 7 different non-Western cultures before 1700 using the many non-Western poets in your text or any other sources.  You may use any poems in the text and add any poems that you happen to like from another source, even contemporary poetry or lyrics if they complement the non-Western poems you have chosen.  Make a copy of the poems any way you like (xerox, scanning, downloading, word processing), then write a 4 page (1000 word) preface telling why you chose these lyrics and possibly why you arranged them in this order.   You may suggest a poem to discuss in class.  Feel free to be original and creative in your response to this assignment.   For example, you could compare several or all of the poems to lyrics from your favorite band, or you could show how poems from the ancient world parallel incidents and emotions in your life.  **Due Oct 11th.**
2. **Create a six to nine page (1500-2250 words) research paper on a non-Western work of literature from your textbook.** You need to find and use significant research in this paper and use proper MLA documentation form.  The text and thesis for the paper must be approved by the instructor. Try to pin down the topic early and discuss it with your instructor.  Since research is sometimes hard to find with non-Western works, you may make the paper a cultural or historical examination of the text which will link this literature course with you western civilization courses.  Feel free to use email for this discussion.  The paper is due **Nov. 15th** and may be revised (if it is submitted on time) once for a higher grade.